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Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. Select 2010-2013 Health Priorities

How healthy are Moore County citizens? What are the strengths in our community? What health concerns do citizens have? Through collaborative efforts forged among community leaders, social and human service agencies, health care providers and citizens, the Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. (local Healthy Carolinians Task Force) have completed a Moore County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and have recently developed action plans for the priority issues selected to be addressed during the next 4 years.

Based on the results of the CHA, the priority areas selected for 2010 to 2013 are: access to healthcare, obesity prevention, substance abuse prevention and teen pregnancy prevention. These priorities were selected because data documents existing problems, citizens expressed concerns about the issues, and there are opportunities to impact the problems. MooreHealth, Inc. will take the lead in establishing committees or collaborations with existing community groups to develop and implement interventions, explore available resources including funding opportunities, and guide the work for each health priority issue over the next four years.

The CHA is a comprehensive collection and analysis of data for Moore County regarding health issues and concerns, available services and resources, and opportunities for action. In addition to examining data, the Moore County CHA included conducting focus groups, key informant interviews and a community health opinion survey. The CHA provides a snapshot of the health of citizens by studying health indicators including population demographics, behavioral risk factors, health indicators, incidence of chronic disease, maternal and child health, environmental health, and the availability of health resources. The assessment process takes place every four years and is required of all health departments in North Carolina.

For more information please call FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Community Health Services at (910) 715-1925 or the Moore County Health Department at (910) 947-3300. To download a copy of the CHA or the Executive Summary, visit the health department website at www.moorecountync.gov/health.

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